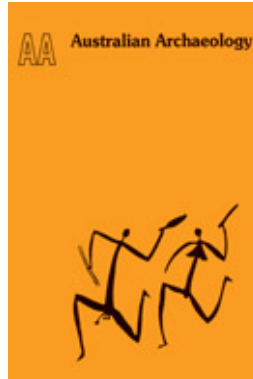


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FORTHCOMING FIELDWORK

West Coast of Tasmania

During the summer of 1978/79 I will be continuing an excavation of a small shell midden site on the west coast of Tasmania.

Preliminary results suggest that this site was occupied only once during part of a summer season and acted as a base camp for a family unit. Faunal remains indicate that a large variety of animals were hunted, ranging from seals, wallabies and wombats to tiger cats, rats and birds. In addition at least five different species of shellfish were exploited. The site is very rich in stone; many tools being manufactured from a wide range of material brought into the area.

The midden will be excavated by the open area method. It is expected that approximately 250 sq metres will be uncovered. Investigation of this site is of interest in that it will enable the activities of a small group of Aborigines, carried out over a short period of time, to be intensively studied.

The midden is situated in an area between the Nelson River and Sundown Creek (south of the Arthur River). The excavation will start on 4 December 1978 and continue into March 1979.

Anyone interested in joining this team for a month or more should contact:

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Whilst experience is not necessary, an ability to withstand west coast weather is essential.

NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

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- Forthcoming fieldwork: This is designed to put researchers about to depart on fieldwork in touch with other members who may be able to render assistance, such as labour on an excavation, or who would simply like to visit a site for the sake of interest. Fieldworkers are asked to send in full details of their project, including location, dates, research aims and an indication as to whether visits to the site by other members are practical.
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